



CONSUMERS ENERGY

J.R. Whiting Generating Plant



The J.R. Whiting employees take pride in our working relationships with our environmental partners and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. We feel that it is important to leave the environment in a better condition than how we found it.



Since November 25, 1997



Since May 7, 1998



Since May 2, 2005

Located in Monroe County on the Lake Erie shoreline, the J.R. Whiting Plant is Consumers Energy's smallest generating facility, with an electrical output of 328 megawatts with three coal-fired units. That is enough electricity to power a community of 230,000 people. The plant is named after Justin Rice Whiting, a former president and board chairman of Consumers Energy. The plant recently celebrated its 60th year of service, making Whiting the oldest plant in Consumers Energy's generating fleet. Whiting Unit 1 entered commercial service in July, 1952 and Unit 2 in November, 1952; Unit 3 went into service in December, 1953.



The J.R. Whiting Plant has achieved a number of "firsts" with regard to Environmental Stewardship. Whiting was the first power plant in Michigan to become a partner of the Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership (1997), the first power plant to be awarded the Clean Corporate Citizen (1998) and the first power plant to be awarded the Neighborhood Environmental Partners Gold Award (2005). In addition, the J.R. Whiting Plant is the only facility in Michigan, along with our environmental partners, to have received the Neighborhood Environmental Partners award every year that it has been offered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

J.R. Whiting Plant works with its environmental partners to help preserve our environment for future generations to enjoy. Our environmental partners include: the Lotus Garden Club of Monroe; Ann Arbor Public Schools (Green Adventures Summer Camp); Bedford High School S.P.E.E.D. Robotics Team; Bedford High School National Honor Society; the Boy Scouts of America; and the National Audubon Society. Annual projects include: spring and fall beach cleanups (typically in May and September); the Lotus Tour (in July); Green Adventures beach cleanup and exploration (July – August); and the Christmas Bird Count (in December).

Vital Statistics

Clean Corporate Citizen
since
May 7, 1998

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